



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-888]

### Floor-Standing, Metal-Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Intent to Revoke Order

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating, and issuing preliminary results for, a changed circumstances review (CCR) of the antidumping duty (AD) order on floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables and certain parts thereof from the People's Republic of China (China) based upon a request from Home Products International (the petitioner). We preliminarily determine that the AD order on floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables and certain parts thereof from China should be revoked, in its entirety. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 6, 2004, Commerce published the *Order*.<sup>1</sup> On May 27, 2022, the petitioner requested that Commerce conduct an expedited CCR for the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), 19 CFR 351.216(b), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii).<sup>2</sup> The petitioner expressed a lack of interest in the continuation of the *Order* and requested the revocation of the *Order*. In its request, the petitioner addressed the conditions under which Commerce may revoke an order in whole or in part pursuant to 19 CFR 351.222(g).<sup>3</sup>

### Scope of the *Order*

For purposes of this *Order*, the product covered consists of floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables, assembled or unassembled, complete or incomplete, and certain parts thereof. The subject tables are designed and used principally for the hand ironing or pressing of garments or other articles of fabric. The subject tables have full-height leg assemblies that support the ironing surface at an appropriate (often adjustable) height above the floor. The subject tables are produced in a variety of leg finishes, such as painted, plated, or matte, and they are available with various features, including iron rests, linen racks, and others. The subject ironing tables may be sold with or without a pad and/or cover. All types and configurations of floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables are covered by this *Order*.

Furthermore, this *Order* specifically covers imports of ironing tables, assembled or unassembled, complete or incomplete, and certain parts thereof. For purposes of this *Order*, the term “unassembled” ironing table means a product requiring the attachment of the leg assembly to the top or the attachment of an included feature such as an iron rest or linen rack. The term “complete” ironing table means product sold as a ready-to-use ensemble consisting of the metal-top table and a pad and cover, with or without additional features, *e.g.*, iron rest or linen rack. The term “incomplete” ironing table means product shipped or sold as a “bare board” – *i.e.*, a

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<sup>1</sup> See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Floor-Standing, Metal-Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof from the People’s Republic of China, 69 FR 47868 (August 6, 2004) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See Petitioner’s Letter, “Floor-Standing, Metal-Top Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof from the People’s Republic of China - Request for Changed Circumstances Review,” dated May 27, 2022 (CCR Request).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

metal-top table only, without the pad and cover— with or without additional features, *e.g.*, iron rest or linen rack. The major parts or components of ironing tables that are intended to be covered by this order under the term “certain parts thereof” consist of the metal top component (with or without assembled supports and slides) and/or the leg components, whether or not attached together as a leg assembly. The *Order* covers separately shipped metal top components and leg components, without regard to whether the respective quantities would yield an exact quantity of assembled ironing tables.

Ironing tables without legs (such as models that mount on walls or over doors) are not floor-standing and are specifically excluded. Additionally, tabletop or countertop models with short legs that do not exceed 12 inches in length (and which may or may not collapse or retract) are specifically excluded.

The subject ironing tables were previously classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 9403.20.0010. Effective July 1, 2003, the subject ironing tables are classified under new HTSUS subheading 9403.20.0011. The subject metal top and leg components are classified under HTSUS subheading 9403.90.8040. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for Customs and Border Protection (CBP) purposes, Commerce’s written description of the scope remains dispositive.

#### Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review

Section 751(b)(1) of the Act states that Commerce shall conduct a CCR upon receipt of a request which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. Section 751(d)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i) provide that Commerce may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the order, in whole or in part.<sup>4</sup> Further, 19 CFR 351.222(g)(2) provides that Commerce will conduct a CCR under 19 CFR 351.216, and may revoke an order, in whole or in part, if it determines that revocation is warranted.

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<sup>4</sup> See section 782(h) of the Act.

In the event that Commerce determines that “substantially all” domestic producers have expressed a lack of interest in an order, both the Act and Commerce’s regulations grant Commerce the authority to revoke the order.<sup>5</sup> Commerce has interpreted “substantially all” to represent producers accounting for at least 85 percent of U.S. production of the domestic like product.<sup>6</sup> The petitioner’s request indicated that it is the sole producer of the domestic like product and, therefore, accounts for at least 85 percent of domestic production.<sup>7</sup> In accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.216, 19 CFR 351.221, and 19 CFR 351.222(g), we are initiating this CCR.

#### Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review

If Commerce concludes that expedited action is warranted, it may concurrently publish the notices of initiation and preliminary results of a CCR.<sup>8</sup> Commerce has combined the notice of initiation and preliminary results in CCRs when sufficient documentation has been provided supporting the request to make a preliminary determination.<sup>9</sup>

In this instance, we determine that there is sufficient information on the record to support a preliminary finding of changed circumstances.<sup>10</sup> Accordingly, we find that expedited action is warranted, and we are combining the notice of initiation and the notice of preliminary results, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii).

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g), Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a reasonable basis to believe that changed circumstances exist sufficient to warrant revocation of

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*; see also 19 CFR 351.222(g).

<sup>6</sup> See, e.g., *Certain Cased Pencils from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent to Revoke Order in Part*, 77 FR 42276 (July 18, 2012), unchanged in *Certain Cased Pencils from the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review, and Determination To Revoke Order, in Part*, 77 FR 53176 (August 31, 2012).

<sup>7</sup> See CCR Request at 2.

<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii).

<sup>9</sup> See, e.g., *Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews*, 82 FR 9561 (February 7, 2017), unchanged in *Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews*, 82 FR 14691 (March 22, 2017).

<sup>10</sup> See CCR Request at 4.

the *Order*. Therefore, Commerce is notifying the public of its preliminary intent to revoke the *Order* in whole.

If we make a final determination to revoke the *Order*, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to discontinue the suspension of liquidation and the collection of cash deposits of estimated ADs, to liquidate all unliquidated entries that were entered on or after the date of publication in the *Federal Register* of the notice of revocation of the *Order*, without regard to ADs, and to refund all AD cash deposits on all such merchandise, with applicable interest.

### Public Comment

Any interested party may request a hearing within 14 days of publication of this notice, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c). Interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>11</sup> Rebuttal comments, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed by no later than three days after the deadline for filing case briefs.<sup>12</sup> Any hearing, if requested, will normally be held two days after rebuttal briefs/comments are due, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(d)(1). Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this CCR are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities. Note that Commerce has modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.<sup>13</sup>

All submissions, with limited exceptions, must be filed electronically using Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. An

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<sup>11</sup> Commerce is exercising its discretion under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) to alter the time limit for the filing of case briefs.

<sup>12</sup> Commerce is exercising its discretion under 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1) to alter the time limit for the filing of rebuttal briefs.

<sup>13</sup> See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the date the document is due.

Unless extended, consistent with 19 CFR 351.216(e), we intend to issue the final results of this CCR no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days of publication of these preliminary results if all parties agree to our preliminary findings.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this initiation and preliminary results notice in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.216, 19 CFR 351.221(b)(1), (b)(4), and (c)(3), and 19 CFR 351.222(f)(2)(iv).

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